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## **Ceramide transporters in neuroinflammation and neurodegenerative diseases**

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1. GPBP and CERT are the only proteins known to shuttle ceramide. (This thesis)
2. GPBP and CERT are widely distributed throughout the brain and particularly abundant in neurons, indicating an important role in brain. (This thesis)
3. GPBP binds SAP, supporting a protective role for GPBP in amyloid disease. (This thesis)
4. A proper balance between regulation of normal cell growth and cell death is the basis of life. (This thesis)
5. The most important lessons to be learned from genetic cases of AD is that the pathology of autosomal dominant AD is very similar to sporadic AD.
6. Recent data in the fields of immunology, endocrinology and neurobiology suggest a fundamental involvement of ceramide in the onset of diseases. (K. Sharma, Cell Res. 1999)
7. Protein molecules have an astronomical number of possible three-dimensional conformations. Yet, they fold quickly into unique, sequence-specific native structures. (J. Hockenmaier, Proteins, 2007)
8. Paragraphs are an important visual aid to effective reading and writing. Two common errors in paragraphing are clusters of short or single-sentence paragraphs, and paragraphs that are too long. Both errors will confuse readers and are signs of poorly-organised writing. (H. Glasman-Deal, Science Research Writing)
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